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Encouraging and disciplining such Corps of Men as shall voluntarily enroll themselves under Officers to be commissioned by his Majesty for the Defence of this Kingdom during the present War.

WHEREAS the utmost exertions are now necessary for encreasing the military force of this kingdom,

BE it therefore enacted, by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, that any corps, troops, or companies of men voluntarily enrolled and formed in any counties, cities or towns of this kingdom during the continuance of the present war, under officers having commissions from his Majesty, or the Chief Governor or Chief Governors of
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this kingdom authorised by his majesty for that purpose, and who shall on being called on by the direction of the Chief Governor or Governors of this kingdom, in case of actual invasion or appearance of invasion, or in case of sedition, voluntarily march out of their respective districts for which they shall be respectively enrolled, or shall voluntarily assemble themselves within the same to repel such invasion, or who shall voluntarily march on being called upon in pursuance of an order from the Chief Governor or Governors of this kingdom to act within their districts or adjacent counties for the suppression of riots or tumults, shall in such cases be entitled to receive pay in such manner and at such rates as his Majesty or the Chief Governor or Governors of this kingdom shall appoint, and shall during the times of their being continued in such services, and receiving such pay as aforesaid, and at no other times, be subject to military discipline as his Majesty's regular and militia forces.

PROVIDED always, that no officer or soldier of any such corps shall be liable to be tried by any court martial, unless such court martial be composed entirely of officers serving in corps formed as aforesaid, such courts martial to be assembled by warrant from the Chief Governor or Governors of this kingdom or by warrant from some general or other officer duly authorised to order courts martial to be holden.

AND be it further enacted, that the non-commissioned officers, trumpeters, drummers and privates of all such corps shall be entitled to receive such pay as aforesaid for every day not exceeding two days in any one week that they shall actually assemble by the order of their commanding officers respectively for the purpose of being disciplined, and that one serjeant in each troop or company shall receive permanent pay, and be at all times subject to military discipline in the same manner as his Majesty's regular and militia forces.

PROVIDED always, that no such non-commissioned officer, private, trumpeter or drummer shall be entitled
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to receive such last-mentioned pay unless he shall actually attend upon such day of discipline.

AND be it enacted, that when more than one corps shall assemble together within any county, and the officer commanding any of the corps so assembled shall be a Governor of the county, the corps commanded by the Governor shall take precedence, and the other corps shall take precedence according to the dates of the commissions of their respective commanding officers.

AND be it enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that all commissioned officers of such corps who shall be disabled in actual service shall be entitled to half-pay, and all non-commissioned officers, privates, trumpeters and drummers to the benefit of the Royal Hospital at Kilmainham, and the widows of commissioned officers killed in the service to such pension for life as is usually given to the widows of officers of like rank in his Majesty's regular forces.

AND be it enacted, that no person who shall be enrolled in any such corps as aforesaid shall during the time he is serving in such corps be liable to serve personally or to provide a substitute to serve in the militia, provided he shall produce to the deputy lieutenants assembled at the sub-division meetings holden for the purpose of hearing appeals against the militia lists returned by the respective parishes, an affidavit of his having been enrolled as aforesaid, and a certificate signed by his commanding officer that he has for the space of six weeks immediately preceding such divisional meeting punctually attended at all such times and places as may have been appointed for the exercise of such corps.

PROVIDED always, and be it enacted, that this act shall have continuance during the present war and no longer.

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PRESENTED BY THE

Right Hon. Mr. SECRETARY PELHAM.

Veneris, 14^o Die Octobris, 1796,

Prima vice legat.

